

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel for an item of sports equipment, comprising a rim and a tire that consists of several layers, is fastened to the rim and is provided with a tread, and at least one support element for the tire, which support element is provided with a resilient configuration and extends in a curved manner from a first bearing section to a second bearing section, wherein the support element supports the tire essentially along an entire distance of a cross section thereof, and the tire is provided, adjacent to the tread towards an interior of the wheel, with a layer that is elastic in a direction of a thickness thereof.
2. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein the first and second bearing section are arranged at mutually opposite sides of the outer circumference of the rim.
3. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of support elements are provided which are arranged in the circumferential direction at a distance next to one another.
4. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein the layer which is elastic in the direction of thickness consists of sponge rubber and comprises a thickness in the medial plane which is at least five times ~~but preferably ten times~~ as large as the thickness of the tread.

5. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 3, wherein the support elements are arranged as meandering spring wires.
6. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein additional spring elements are provided for supporting the support elements.
7. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein the support element is clamped on the rim.
8. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein the support element is articulated on the rim.
9. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein the support element is resiliently held on the rim.
10. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein the wheel is rigidly connected on both sides with the rim and rests freely on the support element.
11. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein the wheel is provided with a three-layer configuration and consists of a tread, a soft-elastic inner layer and a support layer.
12. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein an engagement element is provided on the rim adjacent to the wheel, which engagement element extends along the circumference of the rim.

13. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein the wheel is provided with a non-pressurized configuration.

14. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel according to claim 1, wherein the outside diameter of the rim corresponds to approximately half the outside diameter of the tire.

15. **(Withdrawn)** An item of sports equipment, comprising a frame which extends in the longitudinal direction and on which at least two wheels with elastically deformable tires are rigidly held, a binding for fastening the sports equipment item to a shoe of a person, with a front wheel arranged in front of the binding and a rear wheel arranged behind the binding, and with an extension provided on the frame behind the rear wheel, which extension is for steering the sports equipment item and comprises at its distal end a support section, wherein the extension can be brought by displacement of weight from a position above ground level to a position in which as a result of sufficient deformability of the it simultaneously touches the ground with the front and rear wheels, and at least one wheel comprises a tire that consists of several layers, is fastened to the rim and is provided with a tread, and at least one support element for the tire, which support element is provided with a resilient configuration and extends in a curved manner from a first bearing section to a second bearing section, wherein the support element supports the tire essentially along an entire distance of a cross section thereof, and the

tire is provided, adjacent to the tread towards an interior of the wheel, with a layer that is elastic in a direction of a thickness thereof.

16. **(Withdrawn)** A sports equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the extension is fastened to the frame in a resilient manner.

17. **(Withdrawn)** A sports equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the extension is elastic.

18. **(Withdrawn)** A sports equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the support section is provided with a plate-like configuration.

19. **(Withdrawn)** A sports equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the diameter of the wheels is between 20% and 50%, preferably approximately 30% of the axial distance.

20. **(Withdrawn)** A sports equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the binding is arranged directly in front of the rear wheel.

21. **(Withdrawn)** A sports equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the frame is provided with a rigid configuration.

22. **(Withdrawn)** A sports equipment item according to claim 15, wherein the distance of the support section from the axle of the rear wheel is between 30% and 60%, preferably between 40% and 50% of the axle base.

23. **(Withdrawn)** A sports equipment item according to claim 15, wherein at nominal load the support section is at a height above the ground which is lower than the path by which the rear wheel or the front wheel are deformed.
24. **(Withdrawn)** A sports equipment item according to claim 15, wherein at nominal load the path by which the rear wheel or the front wheel are deformed is larger than 15 mm.